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SUBJECT: SERVICES TO SKID ROW OUTREACH TEAM

On June 27, 2006, the Board approved a motion by Supervisor Burke, instructing the Directors of Public Health and Mental Health to develop a protocol to provide Tuberculosis Screening, optional Hepatitis A and B vaccinations, traumatic stress relieving debrief sessions and hand sanitizers for the Skid Row Outreach Team (SROT) and report back in 30 days.

The Department of Public Health (DPH) will provide SROT members with assistance at our Central Health Center, Immunization Clinic, 241 N. Figueroa Street, Room 131, Los Angeles, CA, 90012 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Voluntary services will include PPD skin testing or Chest XRAY TB screening, Hepatitis A and B screening and vaccination, and a supply of complimentary hand sanitizers for team members. These services will not substitute for occupational health services provided by the County departments for which the SROT members work.

The Department of Mental Health will provide traumatic stress-resiliency sessions on a regular basis. A calendar of scheduled traumatic stress-resiliency sessions will be arranged by the lead manager of the SROT in consultation with DMH. In addition to these sessions, debriefings will be available as needed in response to urgent crisis events. Stress debriefing will be provided by the Emergency Outreach Bureau (EOB) staff working under the direction of the Program Head for Law Enforcement Mental Health. The manager of the SROT has been given contact numbers and back-up numbers to access these DMH services.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

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